

There have been frequent notes in these columns in regard to the effort that has been making in Winnsboro within the past few years for a public library. At this time when larger efforts are being made than at any previous time it can not be amiss to review what has been done, and if in doing this it should appear that the history given is a little too much of a personal nature, the only apology that we have for the same is the fact that there is no enterprise in connection with the town from any standpoint that has appealed to us more than this of affording larger opportunities for the community in having access to the best books at the least cost.

It will be recalled that the present effort was begun about five years ago and it has continued without any break at all, its sphere of usefulness increasing all the while. At first there were only a few magazines taken. Later a few books were added, for which there was a charge of a few cents each day. What little money was raised by contributions and the small per diem charges was practically consumed in meeting the incidental expenses in connection with the library in paying for librarian's services, for rent, etc.

A year ago there was an effort to have a separate room for the library, but this soon came to an unfortunate end, the house in which the room was located being burned. The library was then moved back to The News and Herald office, where it had been all the while. In order to help the enterprise we agreed to give the services of the librarian and the rent of the room, including the necessary shelving, free of any charge. The money, therefore, that was realized through contributions and membership fees was put into books and the result has been most satisfactory, as there have been added to the library about one hundred volumes within the past year, the total number, including those loaned, being about 300. The gain in members has been very decided also, the number having increased from 50 twelve months ago to 112 at the present time. In this list is included 17 members who live out of the town and who take advantage of the fine opportunities offered, they finding it always convenient to have some one attend to returning their books and getting out new ones. The record of reading as published last week shows that the books are being largely used as 1385 were taken out in the twelve months ending February 1, the largest number being taken out in any one month being 184 for the month of January. There are a dozen or more magazines taken and these are very largely used, the figures for these being harder to get at than for the books.

With the record that has been made through very many discouragements, the time has come when the Association needs more members and more money from other sources than membership fees alone. The library is filling a need in the community that makes it deserving of a larger support in every way than it has ever had. It is no longer an experiment. It is now only a question of whether the people of this community, which has ever been noted for its interest in matters educational, are going to be satisfied with these small achievements towards the establishment of a public library or whether they will attempt larger things. To be satisfied with small achievements is stagnation. Unless a decisive advance is made the interest that has been enthused through the small effort that has been made will die out. Now is the time for action and that in a businesslike way. With the amount that is now in the treasury and with the amount that will be paid by members for renewals during the next few days the Association will have about \$100 for the purchase of books. This of course will be much better than it has ever had before. But there is needed at least \$300 to add to this amount so as to give the library a sufficient quantity of books to meet the growing demands of its increasing membership. To raise this amount it has been proposed that five men give \$20 each, ten give \$10 each, and twenty give \$5 each. Fortunately the five men for the first

amount named have been found. Already four have signified their willingness to give the second amount. The canvass for the smaller contributions has not yet been made, but there certainly ought to be that number in town who will give the amount asked for. A few years ago when a similar effort was made in the town of Marion, which is but little larger than Winnsboro, there was raised \$3,000. Surely the business men of Winnsboro with the educational prestige that the community has all the while enjoyed will not fail to respond to an urgent appeal for one-tenth of that amount.

Fortunately what will be raised at this time will be expended wholly in books. As suggested there is no charge to the Association for the space their books occupy in our office nor for the services of the librarian. These we contributed the past year and will continue to contribute cheerfully in the future, if there is the proper appreciation of this contribution on our part. We have been greatly gratified at the increase in the membership and in the larger use made of the limited books in the library. It is a pleasure to help on a cause when it is moving forward all the while. We know of nothing that would give us more real pleasure than to see the community respond to the request that is being made of it so that we can be able to serve it in a larger measure in giving it largely of our time, if not able to give it much in a financial way. We are still hoping that Winnsboro will some day have a library that will be the pride of the town and a stimulus to other towns in this great forward movement of providing the richest mental food through public libraries.

## Mossy Dale Musings.

We have just passed through several weeks of severe cold weather, which has delayed all farm work pretty much.

News is hard to get at in this section—scarce as hen teeth, using an old saying.

What is the future outlook for this country, agriculturally speaking, with cotton so low and provisions so high and everybody so gloomy. After fair prices in the fall there seems to be no money in circulation. All went to current expenses. There is not much to begin on this year. We would imagine from the published accounts that everybody is well heeled and will require little help this season. I have interviewed quite a number as to the correctness of the statement and the reply from nearly every man is that the farmers are on the back-ground and no bright future before them so far. The way to find out general conditions is to go among the small planters and make inquiries, not hunt Mr. A. or C. or D., who is helped with capital and makes large crops. Generally when you speak of a failure of crop caused by weather conditions, you are met by the question that Mr. A. made so many bales to the plow, and a large number of hard-working men are misjudged thereby. Well, as a rule, they are mere cats-paws to keep the hands of the wealthy out of the fire. There should be more charity practiced than is usually shown, for all are dependent one upon another. The farmer is obliged to go on from one year to another, whether success or failure follows his efforts. I shall not attempt to solve the cotton problem for there is no solution (practical, I mean.) Don't burn any cotton as a sacrifice on the altar of patriotism, rather give to the poor who would appreciate it, and bring down blessings upon your head.

If people are in debt, they will have to plant cotton to get out whether high or low, for it is their only source of revenue. Raise as much produce as possible to supplement the year's crops.

I observe that Mr. Ford introduced a bill in the house of representatives to authorize the governor to levy a tax of one-half mill in the counties to enforce the dispensary law. We cannot speak of a bill from the title alone, without knowing what is embodied therein. I think we have enough taxes to pay now without an extra. Its object, I think, to prevent counties from voting out such dispensaries if they wish to. If they wish to raise money for such purposes, let them draw on the State dispensary to enforce the law.

Will the whiskey question never get out of politics?

I have seen no evidence of any measure to change the pension law as regards old soldiers sixty years of age, but I don't think that any of them committed themselves on the stump. Gentlemen, look over the bill and see if justice does not demand a more liberal measure in their behalf, either that or amend by striking out that clause and say, "Depart from me, for I never knew you, for you ought to have been killed or wounded to avail yourself of

any requisites from your old mother, in whose honor you risked your lives and your all." Be just and generous.  
Mr. I. S. Chappell is preparing to operate a small mill in this neighborhood. T. B. McK.  
Jan. 27th, 1905.

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## S. C. Live Stock Association.

The following is the program for the meeting of the South Carolina Live Stock Association which meets in Columbia Feb. 15-16.

8 P. M., WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15.  
"Report of the President."—Mr. John G. Mobley, Winnsboro, S. C.  
"The Stock Proposition of the South."—Mr. C. I. Wade, Cornelia, Ga.  
"Points of the Dairy Cow."—Mr. B. Harris, Pendleton, S. C.  
"Hog Raising in South Carolina."—Dr. Heisee, Columbia, S. C.

10.30 A. M., THURSDAY, FEB. 16.  
"Dairy Topics."—Hon. Ed. H. Webster, Chief Dairy Div. U. S. Bureau Animal Industry.  
"Cheese Making in South Carolina."—Mr. C. G. Voight, Easley, S. C.  
"Farm Milk Records" [a demonstration.]—Mr. B. H. Rawl, Clemson College, S. C.

8 P. M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16.  
"Forage Crops for the South."—Hon. J. W. Spillman, Agrostologist, U. S. Department Agriculture.

"Southern Markets for Dairy Products."—Mr. W. L. Williamson, President Georgia Dairy Association.

"Sheep Raising in South Carolina."—Mr. T. L. Bulow, Ridgeway, S. C.

"Abortion."—Dr. Louis A. Klein, Clemson College, S. C.

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## Jenkinsville Jottings.

News around Jenkinsville is scarce at this time, but I will endeavor to give you what there is. Miss Louise Suber, who teaches the Turkeitt school, visited Mrs. S. S. Curry last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swittenberg, of Newberry, have been visiting her parents.

Miss Sadie Curry made a flying trip home last week.

Mrs. A. L. Scruggs, of the Union section, visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mesdames Lula and Florrie Chappell visited their parents not long since.

Mr. and Mrs. Suber, of Newberry, have been visiting her parents.

Miss Evelyn McMeekin has been visiting her sister in Newberry.

Mr. Willie Wicker, of Newberry, has been on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. S. Swygert.

Mrs. Essie Holly, of Long Run, has been on a visit to Greenville.

Mrs. E. J. Yarborough recently visited her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. H. Bushardt, of Peak.

Mrs. Bushardt made a flying trip to her brother's, Mr. H. B. Yarborough, a few days since.

Miss Carrie McGee, of Honea Path, is visiting Mrs. F. H. McEachern and Mr. D. L. Glenn.

Mr. Clarence McEachern, of Alston, has given up his position as night operator and has accepted a position in Union.

Several from Jenkinsville attended an oyster supper at Peak on the 24th.

We are sorry to learn of the sickness of Mrs. R. R. Richardson, of Simpson's turn out. She is a sister of Mrs. W. B. Yarborough of this vicinity.

We are glad to report that the operation on Mr. E. A. Glenn has been a successful one so far. We hope that it may continue to be so throughout.  
Feb. 3, 1904.

## The Best Physic.

When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and acts on the stomach and bowels, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Obeur Drug Co.

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—Charleston Post.

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To New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla.: One first-class fare plus twenty-five cents for the round trip from all coupon stations. Tickets on sale March 1-6, limited March 11, 1705—may be extended to return March 25th. Account—Mardi Gras.

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## The Nimble Pistol.

That professor who is predicting the time when the world will be unable to hold all the people upon it had probably failed to take account of the racing auto and Russian revolution.—The State.

You forgot the nimble pistol which destroys more men in a year during peace times than the guns of two opposing armies in many a battle.—Darlington News.

## Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

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W. D. TENNANT,  
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Jan. 1, 1905.

## Registration Notice.

Notice is hereby given that books of municipal registration for the town of Winnsboro are now open at my office for the registration of all persons in said town who are entitled by law to be registered.  
H. E. KETCHIN,  
Supervisor of Registration.

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